

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 and 2 without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter. Please AMEND claims 3-8, as follows.

Claims 1 and 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An image heating apparatus comprising:
a heating member for heating a toner image formed on a recording material;
a plurality of pressure members for pressurizing the heating member to form a
nip portion where the recording material is nipped and transported, in which a pressurizing force
is changeable, the pressure members being arranged along a transport direction of the recording
material;

gloss selecting means for selecting a gloss of an image to be formed; and
pressurizing force selecting means for selecting the pressurizing forces of said
pressure members independently of one another according to the gloss selected by said gloss
selecting means according to Claim 1;

wherein when the gloss selected by the gloss selecting means is made high, the large pressurizing force is selected for a pressure member of said pressure members positioned on a downstream side in the transport direction of the recording material.

4. (Currently Amended) An image heating apparatus according to Claim 3 †, wherein said heating member has a surface layer formed of a fluororesin.

5. (Currently Amended) An image heating apparatus according to Claim 3 †, wherein said heating member has an elastic layer.

6. (Currently Amended) An image heating apparatus according to Claim 3 †, wherein said toner contains oil.

7. (Currently Amended) An image heating apparatus according to Claim 3 †, further comprising a rotatable belt, wherein said pressure members pressurize said heating member through said belt.

8. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus that has unfixed image forming means for forming an unfixed image, comprising an image heating apparatus according to Claim 3 †.